

dollars, and know what it is to hire people, to meet a payroll, to pay the taxes, to compete with your neighbors and your friends and everyone else? That is quite an exhilarating experience, and then to find out that Old Ironsides, who has been in business down the street for 30 years doesn't have to pay personal taxes while you pay a five figure tax bill, not quite...not quite fair you would think. That is the most unfair aspect of an unfair bill. Ladies and gentlemen, I still insist that the tax on beef cattle ought not to be imposed and that we can, we can take away the tax by calling them inventory. Senator Warner has joined in the voting for the fertilizer tax. It is unconstitutional. I didn't tell you about it. I didn't...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...know it but I got a call and it is now going to give you some trouble. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I wanted to continue the comparison to what agriculture impact is of some of the options the body has looked at. As I indicated, 1063, as it now stands, and the problem that we know might need some adjustment in for the amendment that was adopted yesterday, as you know is in the progress of being done, it is not a problem, if it is corrected. But in any event, with that proposal in the way it should have been drafted, agriculture would have about a 9.2 million increase. Had you did the 1 percent sales tax, the impact on production agriculture is between 5.5 and 6 million based on the figures we have from the Department of Revenue, and the estimate of what individuals engaged in agriculture, as all individuals would in their purchases, nonbusiness purchases, nonproduction agricultural purchases, with a shift of that of around 60 to \$65 million, agriculture will be paying, people engaged in agriculture will be paying another approximately 5.4 million or approximately 10 million more. In terms of sheer numbers on a statewide basis that many of you supported ended up with agriculture in about the same position regardless. And to portray 1063 as opposed to any of the other alternatives as affecting agriculture differently just simply does not play out with the numbers. But, finally, the real issue here, and it is one we touched on the other day, maybe we will have that argument essentially on